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WASHINGTON -- Representatives of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Atomic Energy Commission and the Commerce Department voiced support Wednesday for a bill by Southeast Texas Congressman Jack Brooks (D-Texas) that would save the government an estimated quarter of a billion dollars a year.

The statement of support came in hearings before the House Government Activities Subcommittee, of which Congressman Brooks is chairman. The Brooks Bill would coordinate government acquisition and use of automatic data processing (ADP) equipment.

Dr. William W. Eaton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology told the subcommittee, "We recommend favorable consideration of this legislation, which would aid us in carrying out the President's policies on sound management in Government of ADP equipment."

The National Bureau of Standards, a part of the Commerce Department, would have specific responsibilities in researching new types of ADP equipment under the bill.

John P. Abbadessa, Controller of the Atomic Energy Commission, told the subcommittee, "...The AEC is in agreement with the objectives of this bill." He said experience in the agency had showed that central coordination of the acquisition of ADP equipment resulted in savings on the prices paid for the computers.

Representing NASA, Edmond C. Buckley, Director of the Office of Tracking and Data Acquisition, said the agency "believes that legislation is necessary to assist in carrying out the policies and guidelines for management of ADP in the Federal government."

The members of the subcommittee are Congressmen William S. Moorhead (D-Pa.), David S. King (D-Utah), Dante B. Fascell (D-Fla.), Ogden R. Reid (R-N.Y.), and Edward J. Gurney (R-Fla.).

The subcommittee is part of the House Government Operations Committee, which is headed by Congressman William S. Moorhead.

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